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Novel purine compounds of the following structure and their use as fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase inhibitors is described.

wherein

A is selected from the group consisting of -NR<sup>8</sup><sub>2</sub>, NHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup>, -OR<sup>5</sup>, -SR<sup>5</sup>, halogen, lower alkyl, -CON(R<sup>4</sup>)2, guanidine, amidine, -H, and perhaloalkyl;

E is selected from the group consisting of -H, halogen, lower alkylthio, lower perhaloalkyl, lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, lower alkoxy, -CN, and -NR<sup>7</sup><sub>2</sub>;

X is selected from the group consisting of alkylamino, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkyl(carboxyl), alkyl(hydroxy), alkyl(phosphonate), alkyl(sulfonate), aryl, alkylaminoalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkylthioalkyl, alkylthio, alicyclic, 1,1-dihaloalkyl, carbonylalkyl, aminocarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, aralkyl, and alkylaryl, all optionally substituted; or together with Y forms a cyclic group including cyclic alkyl, heterocyclic, and aryl;

Y is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, alicyclic, aralkyl, aryloxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, -C(O)R<sup>3</sup>, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup>, -C(O)-OR<sup>3</sup>, -CONHR<sup>3</sup>, -NR<sup>2</sup><sub>2</sub>, and -OR<sup>3</sup>, all except H are optionally substituted; or together with X forms a cyclic group including aryl, cyclic alkyl, and heterocyclic;

 $R^1$  is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, aryl, alicyclic where the cyclic moiety contains a carbonate or thiocarbonate,  $-C(R^2)_2$ -aryl, alkylaryl, -  $C(R^2)_2OC(O)NR^2_2$ ,  $-NR^2-C(O)-R^3$ ,  $-C(R^2)_2-OC(O)R^3$ ,  $C(R^2)_2-O-C(O)OR^3$ ,  $-C(R^2)_2OC(O)SR^3$ , alkyl-S-C(O)R<sup>3</sup>, alkyl-S-S-alkylhydroxy, and alkyl-S-S-alkylhydroxy, or together  $R^1$  and  $R^1$  are -alkyl-S-S-alkyl to form a cyclic group, or together  $R^1$  and  $R^1$ 

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wherein

V and W are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, 1-alkenyl, 1-alkynyl, and -R<sup>9</sup>; or

together V and Z are connected to form a cyclic group containing 3-5 atoms, optionally 1 heteroatom, substituted with hydroxy, acyloxy, alkoxycarboxy, or aryloxycarboxy attached to a carbon atom that is three atoms from an oxygen attached to the phosphorus; or

together V and W are connected to form a cyclic group containing 3 carbon atoms substituted with hydroxy, acyloxy, alkoxycarboxy, alkylthiocarboxy, hydroxymethyl, and aryloxycarboxy attached to a carbon atom that is three atoms from an oxygen attached to the phosphorus;

Z is selected from the group consisting of -CH<sub>2</sub>OH, -CH<sub>2</sub>OCOR<sup>3</sup>, -CH<sub>2</sub>OC(O)SR<sup>3</sup>, -CH<sub>2</sub>OCO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup>, -SR<sup>3</sup>, -S(O)R<sup>3</sup>, -CH<sub>2</sub>N<sub>3</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>2</sup><sub>2</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>Ar, -CH(Ar)OH, -CH(CH=CR<sup>2</sup>R<sup>2</sup>)OH, -CH(C $\equiv$ CR<sup>2</sup>)OH, and -R<sup>2</sup>;

with the provisos that:

- a) V, Z, W are not all -H; and
- b) when Z is  $-R^2$ , then at least one of V and W is not -H or  $-R^9$ ;

R<sup>2</sup> is selected from the group consisting of R<sup>3</sup> and -H;

R<sup>3</sup> is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, alicyclic, and aralkyl;

R<sup>4</sup> is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, lower alkyl, lower alicyclic, lower aralkyl, and lower aryl;

R<sup>5</sup> is selected from the group consisting of lower alkyl, lower aryl, lower aralkyl, and lower alicyclic;

R<sup>6</sup> is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, and lower alky

 $R^7$  is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, lower alkyl, lower alicyclic, lower aralkyl, lower aryl, and -C(O) $R^{10}$ ;

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R<sup>8</sup> is independently selected from the group consisting of -H, lower alkyl, lower aralkyl, lower aryl, lower alicyclic, -C(O)R<sup>10</sup>, or together they form a bidendate alkyl;

R<sup>9</sup> is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aralkyl, and alicyclic;

R<sup>10</sup> is selected from the group consisting of H, lower alkyl, -NH<sub>2</sub>, lower aryl, and lower perhaloalkyl;

R<sup>11</sup> is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, -OH, -NH<sub>2</sub> and -OR<sup>3</sup>; and pharmaceutically acceptable prodrugs and salts thereof.